Statement:
This is not respectful discourse, or a debate about free speech. These are not ideas that can be fairly debated, it is not 'representative' of the other side to give a platform to such dangerous ideologies. There is not a potential for an equal exchange of ideas. We, as students, and community members, cannot engage fully with Charles Murray, while he is known for readily quoting himself. Because of that, we see this talk as hate speech. But, this does not mean we don't have something to say. And you will never have the comfort of our silence again. **What is most important must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood. Death is the final silencing tool and so many voices and lives have already been taken in the name of eugenics and of white supremacy.**

Science has always been used to legitimize racism, sexism, classism, transphobia, ableism, and homophobia, all veiled as rational and fact, and supported by the government and state. In this world today, there is little that is true 'fact.' History speaks volumes, and the choices we make now affect people both living and to come. Through the 20th century, Vermont denied that American Indians still lived in the state. In the 1920s, the state government sponsored a eugenics program that imposed sterilization on families the elite considered unworthy. Nearly every Abenaki family of the Missisquoi region has stories of a relative who suffered from involuntary sterilization. Cross-burning by the Ku Klux Klan added to the fear, causing many Abenaki to 'pass' into other segments of society. It is important to note that the Eugenics Survey was not a product of quote, unquote, redneck ignorance. It was an offshoot of the progressive movement of the time, trying to improve society by scientifically guided state action. Middlebury College was one of 44 colleges with a eugenics-zoology program. These are only two examples in this country's long history of state and institutional actions that we now claim to condemn. Yet, their impact is not insignificant, and the work that anyone does in this field is a continuation of that legacy. There are countless groups of people affected because of what claims to be academia, which then makes its way into the public, which then makes its way into the White House chair.

Chants:
Who is the enemy? White supremacy!

Hey hey ho ho Charles Murrays got to go

Racist sexist anti gay, Charles Murray. Go away!

Your message is hatred, we cannot tolerate it!
Your message is hatred, we will not debate it!

Charles Murray go away, Middlebury says no way

Middlebury's in a fury we don't want no Charles Murray

More info:
[This piece uses quotations and concepts from: Audre Lorde, *The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action,* Assata Shakur, *Assata: An Autobiography*, as well as historical information from various sources.]

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